(b) if so, the highlights of this fair with background for organising such a fair ;

(c) whether Government have urged upon the participants of the fair to make available text books of academic courses at economical rates ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether some objectives were behind organising this fair ; and

(f) if so, the details of achievements made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The New Delhi World Book Fair is being organised once in two years since 1972 by the National Book Trust.

(c) to (e) The main objective of the Fair has been to project Indian publishing abroad as well as within the country with special emphasis on the promotion and sale of Indian books. The Fair had no special focus on the publishing of text books.

(f) The number of participants at the Eleventh New Delhi World Book Fair was 984 and the total sale has been estimated at Rs. 10 crores.

Central University Status for Allahabad University

*288. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1124 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th December, 1993 and state :

(a) what is the present stage of the case for according the status of a Central University to Allahabad University ;

(b) what progress has so far been made in the matter and what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the Central Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission has got the current level of Non-Plan expenditure in respect of Allahabad University assessed through a Committee. It has made certain observations on the requirement of Non-Plan funds for the University. The observations of the Committee have been forwarded to Government of Uttar Pradesh and their reply is awaited. An appropriate decision in the matter would be taken after the comments of the Government of Uttar Pradesh are received.

Sales Outlets of National Seeds Corporation

*289. SHRI G PRATHAPA REDDY :
DR SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how many sales outlets of the National Seeds Corporation exit in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra :

(b) what is their annual turnover State-wise ;

(c) whether more outlets will be opened in these States ; and

(d) whether more dealerships or agencies will be given ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) The number of sales outlets in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra is 132 and 335 respectively

(b) Annual turnover of the sales outlets in Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 47.23 lakhs in 1992-93 and Rs. 41.60 lakhs in 1993-94 (upto February, 1994). Annual turnover of the sales outlets in Maharashtra was Rs. 270.97 lakhs in 1992-93 and Rs. 392.33 lakhs in 1993-94 (upto February, 1994).

(c) and (d) The National Seeds Corporation has programmes to open more sales outlets, grant dealerships/agencies to cater to the needs of the farmers in these two